

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3 and 8 without prejudice as follows:

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1. (Original): In a method of compiling satellite imagery and generating a map therefrom, an improvement comprising:

- watermarking image data acquired by a satellite;
- storing the watermarked image data in a database;
- generating a map from the database; and
- watermarking the map.

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2. (Original): In a method of generating a digital map from a database containing data from a plurality of aerial sources, an improvement comprising watermarking the map.

3. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 in which the watermarking encodes, or points to, [points, to] information that is also conveyed with said map in the form of header data.

4. (Original): The method of claim 2 in which the watermark permits later identification of the data sources used in generating the map.

5. (Original): The method of claim 2 in which the watermark comprises, or serves as a link to, an image identifier.

6. (Original): The method of claim 2 in which the watermark comprises, or links to, data identifying at least one of the following: component maps used in forming said digital map, the date of digital map creation, an identifier corresponding to a person who created the digital map, an identifier corresponding to a person to whom the digital map was provided.

7. (Original): The method of claim 2 in which the watermark is designed to be lost, or degrade predictably, when the map is processed in a particular manner.

8. (Currently Amended): A composite map formed from [A database storing] plural sets of component map data, [from which a composite map formed using said component map data can be formed,] characterized in that said plural sets of component map data each are encoded with a different watermark, each of said different watermarks [said watermark] encoding, or linking to, meta data associated with its respective [each said] component map data.

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